

County Council Meeting
March 17, 2015

Present: Aaron Benton, Steve Winsett, Jack Kroeger, Dave Kress, Todd Ruxer, Bill Spaetti, Blake Bunner, Attorney John Wetherill, Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by President Bill Spaetti at 5:30 P.M.

Minutes

No minutes were presented.

Additional Appropriations

County General-Insurance \$11,275.00

There was not enough money budgeted in 2015 to cover all insurance. The insurance company requested a more detailed inventory list and a tort claim was filed against the county which increased the amount owed.

Benton made a motion to approve the \$11,275.00. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Park Board – Nicholas Held

The Park Board has been working with the Spencer County Community Foundation on getting a Park and Recreation Master Plan created. Held presented a proposed scope of work from the Lochmueller Group. They have been awarded a \$10,000.00 grant from the Welborn Foundation with a county requirement of \$1.70 match per dollar. Kroeger suggested we contact the DNR about what the requirements are for a Master Plan and then decide if it's in our best interest to pursue with a professional or establish our own group to create the plan. It was discussed that the Park Board investigate other options before we commit to accepting the grant. Held stated they have a meeting scheduled for March 31st and each town park will present their proposal for 2015. They will report back in April after speaking to all individuals involved.

Melissa Brockman-Visitor's Bureau

Brockman presented the 2014 Annual Report and stated that 2014 was a great year for Spencer County. There has been an amazing increase in traffic on all media relations. 2015 is expected to be another wonderful year for Spencer County Tourism.

Legal Report

Police Retirement Plan

The plan document is the same as previous years, except a few required changes in the wording. Ruxer made a motion to approve the Police Retirement Plan. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

New Business

Robert Fuller

Fuller requested additional funds for new office equipment and other office supplies.

Copy Machine - \$1000.00

Magnifying Light - \$200.00

Shredder - \$300.00

Flags - \$360.00

Radios - \$1600.00

Pagers - \$1200.00

Kroeger informed Fuller that he would need to come back and all requests would need to be advertised. Wetherill stated that Fuller needed to produce quotes for all items. Fuller then stated he had utilities money in his budget that he would not need due to moving from the Chrisney office to the Courthouse and requested the approval to transfer this money. He was told he could do a letterhead transfer within the same series. Fuller will request an additional if other items are needed.

Kevin Patmore – Luce Sewer District

Luce Sewer District has been looking into refunding the bonds they have through Indiana Finance Authority due to conditions on the loan. The sewer district has made the decision to refund the bonds through Old National Bank with a 2.64% rate without restrictions. Patmore wanted to address the Council to discuss Ordinance 2010-10 that states the counties commitment on the bond for another 10 years. The county pledge of \$150,000.00 from COIT funds until 2024 still applies. Wetherill will put on letterhead the counties agreement to the commitment and give to Patmore.

Kress made a motion to adjourn. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

President

Attest:

Auditor, Autumn Winkler
